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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2624

03560.001549.1

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROHIKO ITOH ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/322,177)
Filed: May 28, 1999)
For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND IMAGE)
PROCESSING METHOD)
Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran
Group Art Unit: 2624
December 29, 2003
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Commissioner For Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be entered and considered in the above-identified application.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 21 | MINUS | 21 | 0 | x \$9 \$18 | 0 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 6 | MINUS | 6 | 0 | x \$43 \$86 | 0 |
| Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$145/\$290 | | | | | | 0 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT--- | | | | | | 0 |

☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.

☐ A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.

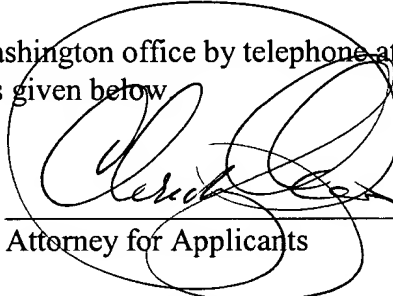
☐ Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the fee for a ____ month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

☒ Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below



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